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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release



DATE OF EVENT: February 15, 2016

TYPE OF EVENT: PC 664/187(a)- Attempted Murder
PC 245(a)(1) – Assault with a Deadly Weapon
PC 148(a)(1) – Resist/ Delay/ Obstruct Peace Officer
PC 3056 – Felony Parole Violation

SUSPECT ARRESTED: Richard Oscar Martinez (26 Years of Age)

LOCATION: 200 Blk. of W. French Ave.

On 02/15/16, at approximately 1400 hours, Officers from the Ridgecrest Police Department were dispatched to a 911 call in the 200 Blk. of W. French Ave. regarding a person being stabbed. Upon arrival, a 22 year old male was found to be suffering from a stab wound on his neck. Liberty Ambulance arrived on scene and transported the victim to the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. The victim was rushed into emergency surgery and is currently in critical condition. During the investigation, Detectives were able to confirm Richard Oscar Martinez was the suspect in this stabbing. Martinez was also found to have an active felony parole violation warrant. On this same date, at about 1735 hours, Detectives located Martinez at the Clarion Inn, and gave chase on foot as Martinez attempted to flee. Martinez was caught after a brief foot pursuit and charged with the above mentioned crimes. Martinez was unable to be booked at the

Kern County Jail- Ridgecrest and Kern County Jail- Mojave, causing him to be transported to Central Receiving Facility- Bakersfield.

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